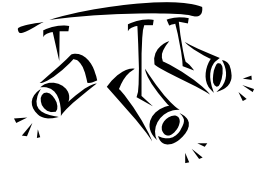




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NELMS Spotlight School

Ronald J. Farrar, Principal

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Operational Report – January 2009 **Ronald J. Farrar, Principal**

Overview of Activities for January

- Whitin School Monthly Faculty Meeting on January 5
- Variety Show Auditions on January 8
- Principal Student Advisory Meeting on January 13
- Professional Development Day Focused on Technology on January 16
- Whitin School Council Meeting at 1:00PM on January 21
- Dance for Grades 7&8 on January 23
- Report Cards Sent Home to Parents on January 27

Subject/Course/Classroom Activities

Curriculum Planning: A district professional development day for all staff was held on Friday, January 16. Whitin School faculty members attended a variety of technology workshops throughout the day. The feedback received from staff regarding this day was encouraging.

PTO Reports and Parent Information

PTO Monthly Meeting: Whitin School PTO held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, January 9, 2008, at 6:30PM in the school library. A group of parents have been attending PTO monthly meetings. Copies of PTO meeting agenda and monthly Parent Newsletter are attached for your review.

General School Information

Monthly Faculty Meeting: The monthly meeting for Whitin School faculty was held on Monday, January 5. Some topics included: professional development, Key 3 training update, Crisis Team update, lock down drill, and upcoming events. Copy of the complete faculty meeting agenda is attached.

Principal Advisory Council

On January 13th, Mr. Farrar and Ms. Puliafico held the first Whitin Middle School Principal Advisory meeting. The Principal's Advisory Council is made up of middle school students representing each grade. This council serves as a vehicle to inform the Principal and Assistant Principal in making meaningful decisions in an effort to help sustain the positive culture at Whitin Middle School.

Upcoming Events:

February 2	Monthly Whitin Faculty Meeting
February 4	Variety Show 2:30 and 7:00
February 4	PTO Monthly Meetings
February 6	Whitin Parent Teacher Conferences Afternoon Only
February 16 – 20	Winter Vacation
February 26	School Council Meeting
February 27	Crisis Team Meeting
February 27	Grade 5 & 6 Social



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PARENT NEWSLETTER
January 2009



Second Quarter Ends on January 20

The 2nd quarter report card period at Whitin School ends on January 20. This means that students will be taking mid-year quizzes and tests during the upcoming week. It is also likely that varied class assignments and projects will be due during the next few days. Parent involvement and support can be very helpful at this time of year; parents can help by encouraging students to study for tests and by monitoring completion of assigned classwork. Report cards will be sent home during the last week of January.

Parent Conferences on February 6

Mid-year parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for the afternoon on Friday, February 6 (11:30 AM – 2:30 PM). Conference sign-up forms will be sent home to parents in report card envelopes during the last week of January. February 6th will be a half day for students.

PTO Sponsored Event

On Sunday, March 7th Whitin and Taft PTOs will be sponsoring "Uxbridge Schools Night" at the Worcester Sharks. Tickets will be \$10 per person. In addition, included in the price is a pregame skate, bring your skates and skate on the ice prior to the game. Watch for flyers on this event coming out later this month.

Dance for Grades 7-8

A school dance for students in grades 7-8 is scheduled for Friday, January 23, from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Price of admission is \$5.00. Students and parents are reminded that the School Dress Code shall be enforced – page 24 of Handbook. Parents are asked to pick up students at 9:00 PM when the dance ends.

No School for Students on January 16

There will be no school for all Uxbridge Public School students on Friday, January 16. Teachers and school staff will be participating in a full-day program of professional development training. Once again, there is no school for students on Friday, January 16.

Whitin Middle School 2009 Variety Show

Auditions for the 2009 Variety Show have begun! Callbacks will be held on January 15th and the final acts will be posted on January 16th. This year's Variety Show is scheduled for February 4th with two separate shows (2:30 PM and 7:00 PM). The snow date is February 5th.

Uxbridge Special Education PAC Event

The Uxbridge Special Education PAC (USEPAC) is having a FREE swim day/ pizza party for all families with children in Special Education (siblings are invited) at the WCC on Sat. Jan. 31 at 12:30 pm. RSVP to Tina Dean @ 278-5084 or Missy Shelley @ 278-3639 by Jan 24.

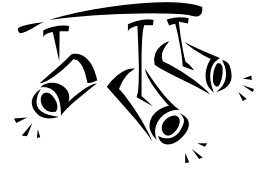
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Amy Puliafico, Assistant Principal

Date: January 5, 2009
To: Whitin Staff
From: Mr. Farrar & Ms. Puliafico
Re: Faculty Meeting

Faculty Meeting Agenda for January 5, 2009

- Keys to Literacy Update
- Crisis Team Update
 - Classroom Crisis Folder
 - Plans for a Lockdown – January 14, 2009 @ 1:00
- Automated External Defibrillation Machine
 - Video
- Technology Professional Development –January 16, 2009
- Whitin Wailers Update
- Upcoming Events
 - January 7 PTO Meeting 6:30: Whitin Library
 - January 8 Variety Show Auditions
 - January 9 Staff Party @ N. E. Steakhouse
 - January 16 Technology Professional Development
 - January 19 No School – MLK Day
 - January 20 End of 2nd Quarter
 - January 23 Grade 5&6 Social, Grade 7&8 Dance
 - January 31 District Party – Blissful Meadows

Whitin Middle School PTO Meeting
Wednesday, January 7, 2009
6:30pm in the Library

Agenda

- ❖ Review December Meeting Minutes
- ❖ Review Treasurer's Report
- ❖ Whitin School News/ Calendar of upcoming events
- ❖ Update on Box Tops
- ❖ Update Gift Barn Fundraiser
- ❖ Update on School Sign
- ❖ Update Cookie Dough Fundraiser/Gift Cards
- ❖ Update Shark's Night
- ❖ Discussion on Spirit Wear
- ❖ 8th Grade Activities
- ❖ New Business

Whitin Middle School PTO
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 3, 2008

Attendance

Lisa Anderson, Sue Bell, Deb Blackburn, Nancy Centrella, Andrea Consoletti, Cay DenHerder, Laura Derderian, Lisa Devane, Ron Farrar, Michelle Ferrara, Nancy Hanson, Kris Holt, Kay Klos, Nancy Lemire, Anne Maloney, Kim Rexford, Lisa Rooney, Tracy Wagner, Nancy Winters

Review of Meeting Minutes from November 5, 2008

Minutes from November meeting were accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer's report was accepted with a balance of \$35,899.00.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

December 9th- 6th Grade Assembly
December 11th- Curriculum Half Day
December 12th- 7th Grade Field Trip-I MAX
December 12th- School Council
December 15th- Geography Bee Kick Off
December 15th- Progress Reports go home
December 16th and 17th- Winter Concert
December 23rd- Last full day before Christmas Break
January 5th Classes Resume

Whitin School Update

Laurelyn Anderson was the winner of the magazine drive's Principal for a day. It was a huge success.

There will be a lockdown in January. Each teacher will get a red folder with evacuation information.

Mr. Farrar would like to form a Principal's Advisory Board. It would consist of students from each grade level. They would have lunch with the principal and they would be asked to contribute about school happenings and what they would like to see different, what changes would they like to see.

A Superintendent's Advisory Group is being formed.

Magazine Drive Update

\$10,000 in sales brought in. Sales are down from last year. Some students are getting T-Shirts as prizes. \$1300 in prizes were given out of which we only had to pay \$500 towards. 125 students were entered into a raffle for principal for a day. Laurelyn Anderson was the lucky winner. To be entered only 1 magazine subscription needed to be sold.

Road Race Update

A Big Thank you to all of the volunteers and participants without them this day would not have been possible. Profit as of right now is \$1900. We are still waiting on a few expenses. We had 22 sponsors and 170 participants. It was decided that the race would stay in November for next year. The T-shirt was designed by Mr. T. A meeting will be held at a later date to discuss feedback.

Box Tops Update

We should be receiving a check for December for \$699.

The contest is going well. Last month we had 74 entries. A winner was chosen from each grade level to receive a gift card of their choice as the prize.

Grade 5- Cory Rexford

Grade 6 Danielle Jolicoeur

Grade 7 Mark Jordan

Grade 8 Jenny Cogliandro

Book Fair Update

Book Fair went very well. A deposit was made of \$6,700, cash only. Profit is not known at this time. Thank you to the many volunteers who made this a success. It was decided to give a Barnes and Noble gift card to the Librarian for all of her hard work.

School Sign Update

Hardware for the sign is here. We are still waiting for the DPW for digging. The actual sign is being made. We will need to pay for the cement for the sign.

New Business

Milford Store is getting rid of all the extra paper, cardstock, etc. that they have at \$.01 a sheet. Lisa Devane will go to this sale and try and get some paper for the Whitin PTO.

There are a total of 5 gift cards left over from the cookie dough fundraiser from last year. It was decided at this time to hold onto them and use them at a later date. Some ideas were to give them as gifts to the staff, give them to families in need, or for special raffles.

Amy Puliafico needs dues for So. Central Alliance for Middle Schools. The dues is \$250. She is requesting this from us because of the budget freeze. It was voted on and agreed upon to pay the \$250.

It was requested to help pay for the buses(3 buses) for the 7th grade field trip to the I MAX. The total is \$735. The students are paying for their tickets to the show. This was voted on and agreed upon to pay \$735.

It was already approved to pay\$600 for the storyteller for the 6th grade assembly.

It was requested by Renee Bianco to pre-pay for the tickets to Six Flags for 8th grade class trip. It was decided that we will pay\$3,040 for 160 tickets. The \$ will

come back to us as the students pay for the tickets. We will pay for the buses for this trip.

Kay Klos brought up the possibility of an Uxbridge Schools Night at the Worcester Sharks . Tickets are \$10.00, Game is at 7:00pm, and from 5-6pm there would be a pre-game skate. We are not sure what the participation would be.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 7, 2009 at 6:30pm in the Whitin Library.

Submitted by,
Tracy Wagner
Secretary



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February 2009



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	2 Ground Hog Day  BB Whitin @ Hopedale	3 School Committee Meeting 7:00UHS	4 Variety Show 2:30 & 7:00 PTO Meeting 6:30 Library BB – Millbury @ Whitin	5 Variety Show Snow Date	6 Early Release 10:30 Parent Conferences BB – Whitin @ Northbridge	7
	9	10 BB – Whitin @ Oxford Keys to Literacy Training Yearbook Returns Due	11	12 Lincoln’s Birthday	13 Reading Time 10:15am	14 Valentine’s 
	16 Presidents’ Day  No School Winter Vacation	17 No School Winter Vacation	18 No School Winter Vacation	19 No School Winter Vacation	20 No School Winter Vacation	21
23 Washington’s Birthday		24	25 Ash Wednesday	26 Progress Reports Closing Date	27 Reading Time 1:15pm	28

